

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) The A chip carrier according to claim 1, comprising:
a carrier base having an opening and being capable of accommodating a chip
inside the opening; and
an outer lid for closing the opening of the carrier base,
wherein the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base when rotated in a space of
the carrier base formed over the opening,

wherein the carrier base has a pair of erect portions having respective inside surfaces, the erect portions being fixed in a direction perpendicular to the base and fixed with respect to the outer lid in a rotational direction when the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base, the erect portions being opposed to each other with the space formed in between, and

wherein the outer lid has a pair of side surfaces and is engaged with the carrier base in such a manner that the side surfaces of the outer lid slide on the associated, respective inside surfaces of the erect portions.

3. (Original) The chip carrier according to claim 2, wherein the inside surfaces of the erect portions of the carrier base are formed with respective projections or recesses, and wherein the side surfaces of the outer lid are formed with respective recesses or projections to be engaged with the associated, respective projections or recesses of the erect portions of the carrier base.

4. (Original) The chip carrier according to claim 2, wherein the inside surfaces of the carrier base and the side surfaces of the outer lid have such arc shapes that the outer lid can fit in the carrier base.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A chip carrier ~~according to claim 1,~~ comprising:
a carrier base having an opening and being capable of accommodating a chip inside
the opening; and
an outer lid for closing the opening of the carrier base,
wherein the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base when rotated in a space of the
carrier base formed over the opening,

wherein the carrier base has, around the opening, at least three erect portions having
inside surfaces that are formed with projections or recesses, the erect portions being fixed in
a direction perpendicular to the base and fixed with respect to the outer lid in a rotational
direction when the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base, and

and wherein the outer lid has side surfaces that are formed with recesses or
projections to be engaged with the associated, respective projections or recesses of the erect
portions of the carrier base.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) ~~[The]~~ A chip carrier ~~according to claim 6,~~ comprising:
a carrier base having an opening and being capable of accommodating a chip inside
the opening; and
an outer lid for closing the opening of the carrier base,
wherein the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base when rotated in a space of the
carrier base formed over the opening, and

further comprising an inner lid to be disposed between the outer lid and the chip to be accommodated in the carrier base, and

wherein a surface of the outer lid to be opposed to the inner lid is formed with a projection on a rotation axis of the outer lid.

8. (Currently Amended) [The] A chip carrier according to claim 6, comprising:
a carrier base having an opening and being capable of accommodating a chip inside the opening; and

an outer lid for closing the opening of the carrier base,

wherein the outer lid is engaged with the carrier base when rotated in a space of the carrier base formed over the opening, and

further comprising an inner lid to be disposed between the outer lid and the chip to be accommodated in the carrier base, and

wherein a surface of the inner lid to be opposed to the outer lid is formed with a projection at a position to be located on a rotation axis of the outer lid.

9. (Withdrawn)